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1. IN WAKE OF SCHEEL VISIT, BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA HAVE RUN ARTICLES BY THEIR RESPECTIVE BERLIN CORRESPONDENTS ON TRIALS OF THREE MEN ACCUSED OF ASSISTING EXFILTRATION OF GDR CITIZENS. BOTH ARTICLES (PRAVDA NOVEMBER 6 AND IZVESTIA NOVEMBER 7) GENERALLY FOLLOW GDR LINE ON TRIAL AS REPORTED REFTEL, AND BOTH HINT AT COMPLICITY OF FRG AND WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES. NOT CLEAR WHETHER ARTICLES ARE SIMPLY INTENDED TO BALANCE THINGS FOLLOWING SCHEEL VISIT OR WHETHER THEY INDICATE A HARDENING OF PUBLIC SOVIET POSITION TOWARD THE FRG.

2. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, CZECH FONMIN CHNOUPEK WAS IN MOSCOW NOVEMBER 5, APPARENTLY TO RECEIVE FROM GROMYKO A BRIEFING ON THE SCHEEL VISIT AND TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS. PRESS ACCOUNTS SAID CONVERSATION COVERED "INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL
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